

FIRST ANNUAL
CENTRAL ONTARIO
SACRED HARP CONVENTION

–formerly the 15th annual Central Ontario All-Day Sacred Harp Singing–

Saturday, August 25, 2018

FRIENDS HOUSE

60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

&

Sunday, August 26, 2018

DETWEILER MEETINGHOUSE (1855)

–the only surviving meetinghouse built by Mennonite pioneers in Ontario–

3445 Roseville Road, North Dumfries, Ontario

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day

–with midday dinner on the ground–



Singing School

Friday, August 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

FRIENDS HOUSE

60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

with special guest

Bridgett Hill Kennedy

Evening Social

Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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There will be food at the social, but snack and beverage contributions are welcome.

Toronto, although the fourth largest city in North America and possibly the world’s most multicultural, is a city of neighbourhoods. The Friday-night singing school and the Saturday singing and social will be in The Annex: a central neighbourhood immediately north of the University of Toronto; the Royal Conservatory; the Royal Ontario, the Gardiner, and the Bata Shoe museums; and a wide variety of shops and restaurants. Unfortunately, free on-street parking in the area is limited and municipal Green P Parking is expensive. Fortunately, the St. George subway station of the Toronto Transit Commission’s citywide system is just a few minutes’ walk from both venues.



Detweiler Meetinghouse, in the Town of North Dumfries in the Regional Municipality of **Waterloo**, is 105 km (66 mi.) southwest of Toronto (**from Highway 401, take exit 268**). Although surrounded by the cities of Waterloo, Kitchener, and Cambridge, its immediate countryside remains primarily agricultural. The Stratford Festival, North America’s largest classical repertory theatre, is 45 km (28 mi.) to the west. The Shaw Festival, producing the works of G.B. Shaw and Shavian playwrights, is in Niagara-on-the-Lake, about 120 km (75 mi.) to the southeast. To learn more about the Province of Ontario, visit ontariotravel.net.



We are offering limited housing accommodations for out-of-town singers. Please contact **Frank Griggs** bfgthefourth@gmail.com for more information.

As hotels and Airbnbs in Toronto’s downtown core can be expensive, budget-conscious travelers might consider an Airbnb in a nearby neighbourhood. If you search “Midtown Toronto” on Airbnb, there are units available for reasonable rates. Midtown is a safe and quiet neighbourhood not far from the singing location with good transit accessibility and plenty of parking. If you prefer to stay in a downtown hotel, consider the Super 8 at 222 Spadina Avenue (647) 426-8118 or the Marriott Yorkville (416) 961-8000.

In the Waterloo region near Detweiler Meetinghouse there are many hotel options, but the Kitchener Inn and Suites (519) 650-6090, Comfort Inn Cambridge (519) 658-1100, and Holiday Inn Kitchener (519) 893-1211 come recommended by other singers.

For more information about the convention, please contact **Jan May** janmay@sympatico.ca. For information about shape note singing in Ontario, please visit torontoshapenote.org or facebook.com/groups/torontoshapenote